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1. SUMMARY: ANTI-CHINA POLEMICAL ARTICLE IN RED STAR ANALYZES SHORTCOMINGS OF MAOISTS IN MARXIST-LENINIST JARGON, SUGGESTING THAT EFFORT HAS BEGUN TO FIND SUITABLE FRAMEWORK FOR DEALING WITH CHINA QUESTION IN FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. HARD-HITTING ARTICLE IN MILITARY ORGAN RED STAR DEC 12 MEASURES CHINESE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICY AGAINST ORTHODOX MARXIST-LENINIST STANDARDS AND FINDS MAOIST REGIME SORELY WANTING. COMMENTATOR V. VASILIEV INDICTS PRC DOMESTIC POLICY FOR WEAKENING SOCIALIST GAINS OF CHINESE WORKING CLASS AND CLAIMS CCP IS NOW BUILT ON IDEOLOGICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES ALIEN TO LENINISM. IN DESCRIBING INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE, HE INEXPLICABLY OMITTS MENTION OF ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN (WHICH HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN OTHER SOVIET MEDIA, INCLUDING LENGTHY DEC 11 NOVOSTI ARTICLE IN SOVYETSKAYA ESTONIA), BUT DOES DIVIDE LEADERSHIP INTO "MODERATES" AND "LEFTISTS." FORMER INCLUDE CHOU EN-LAI, YEH CHIEN-YING AND LI HSIEN-NIEN. LATTER ARE THE SHANGHAI TRIO OF CHANG CH'U-CH'IAO, YAO WEN-YUAN AND WANG HUNG-WEN PLUS CHIANG CH'ING. HE FINDS THAT COMPROMISE BETWEEN THESE TWO ELEMENTS, BASED ON THEIR OPPOSITION TO MILITARY DOMINANCE UNDER LIN BIAO AND THEIR ANTI-SOVIETISM, IS IN PROCESS OF UNRAVELING.

3. FAMILIAR RECITATION OF CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY SINS INCLUDES CHARGE THAT MAO GROUP HAS ABANDONED CLASS POSITIONS, IS WORKING AGAINST COORDINATED FOREIGN POLICIES OF SOCIALISTS, AND REPRESENTS A FORCE HOSTILE TO INTERESTS OF SOCIALISM, NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND VITAL INTERESTS OF PEACELOVING PEOPLES. ARTICLE NOTES SHIFT OF CHINESE ANTI-SOVIET PRONOUNCEMENTS FROM LEVEL OF STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET REVISIONISM TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SOVIET STATE. THIS IS CONTRASTED WITH SOVIET REASONABLENESS AND PROPOSALS AIMED AT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. ARTICLE REVIEWS PEKING'S ATTITUDES TOWARD SOVIET-U.S. DETENTE, EUROPE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND MIDDLE EAST, CONCLUDING THAT PEKING'S RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE WEST IS ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL CAPITULATION TO IMPERIALISM.

4. SUMMING UP, VASILIEV MAKES THE SERIOUS ALLEGATION THAT MAO'S PRESENT COURSE CONTRADICTS THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE SOCIALIST PATH. HE FORESEES THAT THIS WILL GIVE RISE TO FORCES

(WITHIN CNA, IT IS CLEARLY IMPLIED) WHICH OPPOSE MAO'S
COURSE WIZH GROWING VIGOR.

5. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE MAY WELL BE PART OF SOVIET
EFFORT TO FIND A SATISFACTORY FRAMEWORK FOR DEALING
WITH THE CINA QUESTION IN FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL
COMMUIST PARTY MEETINGS. ITS FLAVOR SEEMS VRY
SIMILAR TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY KADAR AND ZHIVKOV (REF-
TEL), NOT TO MENTION SUSLOV (IN LITHUANIA) AND TO SOME
EXTENT BREZHNEV (IN TASHKENT). BY FALLING BACK LAMELY
ON FORMULA THAT COUNTER-FORCES IN CHINA WILL EMERGE,
IT APPEARS TO STOP SHORT OF LOGICAL (AND PERHAPS
PREFERRED) CPSU CONCLUSION THAT CHINA MUST BE OUSTED
FROM THE RANKS OF THE MOVEMENT. IT THUS SMACKS OF A
LEAST-COMMON-DENOMINATOR APPROACH, WHICH MAY NONETHE-
LESS PROVE TOO HARSH FOR MANY FOREIGN COMMUNIST
PARTIES.MELENCAMP

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